

REMARKS

Claims 3-19, 22-24 and 26-43 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 22, 36 and 39 have been amended. Claim 37 has been canceled. New claims 44 and 45 have been added. No new matter has been inserted.

EXAMINER'S INTERVIEW

An interview was conducted between the Applicant's representative, E. Huang and the Examiner on June 23, 2009. Applicant thanks the Examiner for kindly taking the time to conduct the interview. During the interview, the instant claim amendments as well as the new claims have been discussed. The Examiner has kindly stated that the instant amendments would overcome the current rejection.

REJECTION BASED ON 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 3-5, 7-10, 13, 15, 16-19, 22-24, 36, 28-29, 31-33, 34-37 and 38-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Julien (US 2002/0129011) in view of Maglio et al. (Maglio hereinafter, "SUITOR: An Attentive Information System"), and further in view of Kubota (6,041,323). Applicant traverses this rejection in view of the following arguments and amendments.

Claim 22, as amended, recites the new limitation of "a contact information recording device obtaining contact information from a visitor and transmitting said contact information to the database, the contact information recording device comprising a streaming information input device having at least one of a video camera for recording the visitor and a microphone for recording audio from the visitor; and an input device for inputting contact information from the visitor, the streaming information of the at least one of the audio or the video of the visitor; wherein the extracting of the searchable text elements and the displaying of the retrieved contact

information including the input contact information to the monitor are performed proactively by the information retrieval system without receiving an additional input from the user, and wherein at least one of the audio or the video of the visitor is output to the user upon the user selecting the retrieved contact information.” Similar amendments were made to independent claims 36 and 39. New claims 44 and 45 recite the limitations of “the system of claim 22, wherein the contact information recording device further comprises a scanner for scanning contact information from a business card from the visitor” and “the apparatus of claim 36, wherein the contact information recording device further comprises a scanner for scanning contact information from a business card from the visitor.” Support for these newly added limitations can be found, for example, at Figures 1 and 2 and the accompanying description. Applicant submits that neither Julien, nor Maglio nor Kubota, taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest these new claim limitations.

As discussed during the aforesaid interview, one of the general purposes of the claimed invention is to create a system where visitors can input their contact information including through means such as recorded video, audio and/or scanned business cards (see Figures 1 and 2). That information is then transmitted to a database, such that if users are viewing documents that are potentially related to the visitor, the system can unobtrusively present that contact as a suggestion. If the user decides to select that suggestion, then the information in the database is pulled up for the user to view.

On the other hand, none of the cited references are aimed at achieving the aforesaid goal. Julien pulls together unstructured data from various sources for the user. Maglio is directed to providing suggestions on a web browser for related topics to the page. Kubota is a ranking system for word searches. As the Examiner noted during the interview, none of the references

teaches having a contact information recording device that could take audio and/or video input from a visitor. Therefore, even if all of the above references cited by the Examiner were combined together, the resulting combination would only be capable to extract the information from a series of webpages, which is entirely different from the features of the claimed invention, as recited in the amended claims.

Therefore, without admitting that the cited references teach or suggest any other limitations of the pending claims, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the Julien, Maglio, and Kubota references, taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest the limitations of “a contact information recording device obtaining contact information from a visitor and transmitting said contact information to the database, the contact information recording device comprising a streaming information input device having at least one of a video camera for recording the visitor and a microphone for recording audio from the visitor; and an input device for inputting contact information from the visitor, the streaming information of the at least one of the audio or the video of the visitor; wherein the extracting of the searchable text elements and the displaying of the retrieved contact information including the input contact information to the monitor are performed proactively by the information retrieval system without receiving an additional input from the user, and wherein at least one of the audio or the video of the visitor is outputted to the user upon the user selecting the retrieved contact information;” as recited in the amended independent claims nor do the references teach or suggest the limitation of “wherein the contact information recording device further comprises a scanner for scanning contact information from a business card from the visitor” as recited in new claims 44 and 45 . For this reason, the cited references fail to teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claims, and the

independent and new claims are therefore not rendered unpatentable by Julien, Maglio and Kubota.

With respect to the rejection of the remaining dependent claims, while continuing to traverse the Examiner's characterization of the teachings of the references used in rejecting these claims, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable by definition, by virtue of their dependence upon their respective patentable independent base claims. In addition, the present amendment to the independent base claims renders the rejection on the dependent claims moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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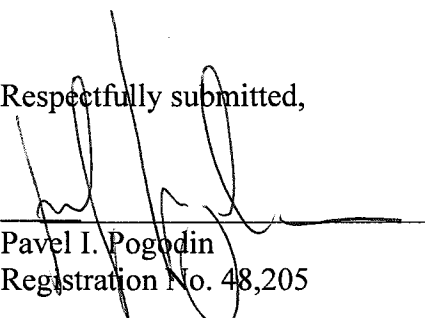
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